

**FORMERLY USED DEFENSE SITES (FUDS)
PROJECT FACT SHEET
8 OCTOBER 1996
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1. SITE NAME: Cadiz Lake Sonic Target #7

SITE NUMBER: J09CA026100

LOCATION:

City: 29 Palms
County: Riverside
State: California

PROJECT NUMBER: J09CA026101

CATEGORY: OE

INPR RAC: 4

ASR RAC: 4

TAG RAC: 4

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3. SITE DESCRIPTION:

The former Cadiz Lake Sonic Target #7 is located approximately 68 miles east of 29 Palms, California, in Riverside County. The site consists of 2,560 acres of desert land, much of which is very hilly or has wide washes. A dirt road runs through

the northwest side of the site and a gravel road is about one mile from the site. There are no buildings within two miles of the site.

4. SITE HISTORY:

The site consists of 2,560 acres acquired from the Department of Interior (DOI) in accordance with a Real Estate Directive dated 3 July 1946. The site was intended for use by March Field for bombing practice. However, it is likely that the Department of Defense began using the site as early as 1942, since the site is also within the boundaries of the former Desert Training Center (DTC), later known as the California Arizona Maneuver Area (CAMA). In addition, this site is within the boundaries of the maneuver area used in Operation Desert Strike in 1964. From May 16 to May 30, 1964, Army, Air Force, National Guard, and Army Reserve units from several states used about 13 million acres of the desert in California, Arizona, and Nevada for this major military exercise.

There are no known improvements to the site. The site was declared surplus on 2 August 1948 and the 2,560 acres were relinquished to the DOI by letter dated 21 April 1949.

5. PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Size, Acres:	2,560
Former Use:	Official: bomb target Unofficial: maneuver area
Present Use:	Undeveloped BLM land
Probable End Use:	Same as Present
Ordnance Presence:	Confirmed (by the site team)
Type:	37mm HE fragment, .30 caliber blanks

6. CURRENT STATUS:

The Revised Draft Archives Search Report was completed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, St. Louis District, in October 1996.

7. STRATEGY: EE/CA (RAC 4)

8. ISSUES AND CONCERNS: The CEHNC Technical Advisory Group recommended a RAC 4 EE/CA for this site.

No aiming circles were found during aerial photo review or during the site visit. No evidence was found verifying that the target was bombed. A 37mm HE fragment and a clip of blank .30 caliber ammunition indicate that General Patton's troops used the site for training during World War II. No unexploded ordnance was found on the site.

There were 10 Cadiz Lake Sonic Targets. The site team found bomb debris on 6 of these targets. The site team, which had inspected more than 40 bombing targets prior to Sonic Target #7, stated that they could find no evidence that this target was bombed.

A Clearance Report issued by the Los Angeles District Corps of Engineers for Cadiz Lake Sonic Targets, dated 27 October 1947, lists three 155mm HE duds found on Sonic Target #7. The LA District issued a Certificate of Clearance for Sonic Targets #1 through #6 and one unnumbered target on 23 February 1949. All 7 of these targets were reported as requiring dedudding during a 1948 inspection, as black powder cans used as spotting charges for 100-pound practice bombs were found on each target.

There are known Federally- and State-listed species occurring in the site area, including the desert tortoise, the peninsular bighorn sheep, and the flat-tailed lizard. An on-site inspection by the appropriate federal and state personnel may be necessary to verify the presence, absence, or location of listed species, or natural communities.

9. SCHEDULE SUMMARY: EE/CA

10. FUNDING/BUDGET SUMMARY: For Official Use Only